

BETSY HAMILTON'S LETTER.

Betsy Tells of the Marriage of Buck Simpson and Zilphy Ann Dewberry.

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HILLABEE, TALLADEGA CO., ALA.,

Dear Cousin: Buck Simpson and Zilphy Ann Dewberry, is married at last, but

Buck had a terrible time a fight, but

he loved it, and he was a failure and

plum a bit, just when he thought he had

been dropped back.

It wasn't his fault. They had their

pegs not that night at Aunt Mahaly's at

the candy pullin' to go to the jests of the

piece and get married, but you know how

old Miss Dewberry did old Mol over that

barbecue, and busted it all up, and headed

'em fore they got off. Buck had done

bought his license and paid for 'em in

corn and seed taters, and you see that

was what outed him. The old man's

tongue lashed 'em, and he was long

time, and Zilphy Ann, she included her

want a comin' back no more. She

loved Buck powerful, and the longer he

stayed off the oneaser she got, and so to

git it off'n her mind, she turned in and

talked to Mol Freshours about it. She'd

a better keep her mind on her

pegs with some gals, and boys,

too. They haint satisfied less'n they

somebody. Mol was the very gal she

haint orter talked to, kase she turned

around and told her a whole pack she

heard that Buck had said about old

Dewberry, "Zilphy Ann, she was a

lightnin' gal, and she was a failure, and

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Gentlemen and Blackguards.

It is rather a timely question, though it

comes from the centre of the State, and

is a business conversation, when, after

knows that the black guard is now, when

it is proper for B. B. do stand up and

fight A. or let it pass unchallenged? Are

you considered a coward if you don't

fight?

Amsterdam, N. Y., March 26.

Of course, the answer to the impulse is

to resist such an affront with a blow;

but if he yields to it he does not prove

himself courageous, and if he conquers

he does not show himself a coward.

A very clever fellow, oftentimes makes

fight in his sudden anger, while a more

calm man would wait until he is not

impulsed to be upset by an angry impulse,

like a ho-headed brute.

In fighting with a man who has be-

haved toward you like a blackguard you

treat him with too much respect. He is

too contemptible to receive such amount

of attention from you. If he strikes you,

of course you defend yourself, but

if he wanders and outrageously insults

you in words only, you lower your dignity

by responding to him with physical

blows. You put yourself too much on

his level.

Besides, a gentleman gains nothing by

engaging in a rough-and-tumble fight.

When the scrimmage is over nothing is

settled, so far as the charge which pro-

voked the fight is concerned. A dis-

graceful row has occurred, and that is all.

A man calls another, without reason,

a liar, and the two men meet and fight.

It is not the gentleman's duty to

submit to such treatment. He should

proves himself an unfit associate for

decent people. He may ask to be ex-

cluded from the ground that he spoke in haste

and heat, but men who are so lacking in

self-control are not tolerable in refined

society. They are obliged to be left to seek

comparisons among blackguards who

bandy insulting epithets and now and

then fall to blows in consequence. You

only dignify them by exchanging words

or blows with them. They deserve nothing

except contempt, and are unworthy

of notice.

Gentlemen do not need to defend their

veracity by resorting to the methods

savages. Generally, too, their tastes and

prejudices keep them apart from the

company of men who are given to call-

ing each other by opprobrious epithets.

They chance to meet, and then

they display their unbecoming

capacities to that of son-in-law.

"Yes, but I'd rather not meet him

to-night."

"Oh, you must," and despite the al-

most violent struggles of the young fel-

low he was drawn into the library, where

he found a large red-faced man, with a

single eye and an enlargement of nose,

sat looking over a lot of papers.

"Father," said the girl.

"Hum," he replied, without looking

up.

"I wish to present you—"

"What?" he exclaimed, looking up and

catching sight of young Spickie, "have

you the impudence to follow me here?

Didn't I tell you I would see you to-

orrow?"

"Why, father, you don't know Mr.

Spickie, do you?"

"I don't know his name, but I know

that he has been to my office three times

a day for the last week with a bill. I

know him well enough. I can't pay that

bill to-night, young man. Come to my

office to-morrow."

"I hope," said Spickie, "that you do

not think so ill of me. I have not come

to collect the bill you have referred to,

but—"

"What! Got another one?"

"You persist in misunderstanding me.

I did not come to collect a bill. I came

to-morrow and see about that. To-

night I proposed to your daughter and

The Amiable Honorable.

A stranger traveling on horseback

through the backwoods of Arkansas

was very much impressed with the fami-

liarity that existed between the pigs and

the natives. The swine had a free pass

to the privileges of the house, and seemed

to be a part of the family. Riding up to

a house, the stranger asked a tall, un-

tempting specimen of humanity:

"Why don't you keep your pigs out of

your house?"

"Look here, stranger," responded the

Arkansas man, putting his hands in his

pockets, "if you mean to say that my

family ain't fit for hogs to associate

with just come out like a man and say

it."

The stranger immediately appeased the

native by conceding that the farmer was

a fit associate for a hog, and the usual

greeting of: "Light, stranger, and have

some 'simmon beer. Roll a pumpkin

out from under the bed, and make your-

self at home. When you first spoke, I

thought you was getting some sarcasm

for me, and I don't want to take any of

that at."

—The Governor of Massachusetts, Egypt,

is a Maryland man.

"Do you believe that a woman now-

adays would die for the object of her

love?" asked a bachelor friend. "I don't

know whether she'd die or not," answer-

ed the Bachelor, "but I've known her to

go wild when the trimming didn't suit

her."

—Those individuals who live only for

themselves, have a hard time in this

world, and their prospects for the world

to come are far from being bright. They

enjoy none of the luxuries which this

earth produces, and but few of its com-

forts. They spend their days in grum-

bling and die despoiled by all the good

and great.

—The man who puts off marriage

until he has earned or acquired sufficient

property to maintain a style of life that

pride and worldly ambition suggest in

great danger of missing both happiness

and honor in the end. He is likely

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